

FCC QUARTERLY REPORT
KAAL ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST
3rd Quarter 2003
July 1 - September 30, 2003
KAAL-TV AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

- 1) **Agriculture & Environment**
- 2) **Business & Economy**
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See attached documentation in each category.

The last section of this 3rd Quarter 2003 FCC Report includes Children's Television Act Certification; Time Compliance & Commercial Time Records.

A copy of the FCC 398 Children's Television Programming Report and Proof of Electronic Filing Submission also included.

6 NEWS

NOTE: The majority of news segments listed our Quarterly Report represents locally produced stories. Those taken from state or national sources are included because they represent issues of significant interest and/or concern to 6 News viewers.

KAAL TV, Monday through Friday newscasts air as follows:

6:00 - 7:00 AM 6 News Good Morning

6:00 - 6:30 PM 6 News at 6:00

10:00 - 10:30 PM 6 News at 10:00

Saturday and Sunday 6 News – Weekend has one newscast, 10:00 - 10:30 PM

Station KAAL TV

The following list of community problems and concerns represent sampling of news reports responsive to these topics from July 1st through September 30th, 2003.

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

The KAAL viewing area has a large concentration of farmers and agriculture related businesses. We live within an agricultural based economy so the impact of rural issues is felt throughout the viewing area whether or not people work in ag-related businesses or live in rural areas. Lou Arens presents consistent Ag Watch reports as co-anchor of 6 News Good Morning. Arens grew up on farm which helps him add a unique perspective to his agricultural news coverage. The impact of this season's drought conditions is currently being evaluated. As environmental issues are closely linked to agriculture, we have included them in this category.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/02/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Farmers and other residents of northern Dodge County have taken legal action to try forcing an environmental review of a proposed large hog feedlot.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/10/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: The University of MN Extension Service is growing weeds, on purpose. They are studying how different weeds adapt to various conditions in order to design better control methods.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 07/11/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: A group known as Southeastern Minnesotans for Environmental Protection held a public information meeting in Lanesboro about the proposed tire burning plant in nearby Preston. Organizers are trying to coordinate opposition to the plant due to pollution concerns.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/16/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:25
Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: Farmers are gathering at Deer Creek Speedway near Spring Valley for an usual event. Promoter Ryan Queensland claims it will be the first ever Combine Demo Derby with a dozen signed up to compete for the event.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/17/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: MN Gov. Tim Pawlenty commented on participation in the CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program). The goal is to improve water quality, wildlife habitats, reduce erosion and flood damage. MN is eligible for 100,000 acres in the next round of the Federal program.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/21/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:20
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The 2nd Annual KGLO Antique Tractor Ride rolled onto the Mower County Fairgrounds for the night. Other stops for 231 tractors included in the event include Albert Lea, Northwood and Fertile IA. According to organizer Chris Frenz, it is the first Tractor Ride to travel through two states.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/22/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:50
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Wind energy is coming to Adams Township in Mower County. Lynn Sathre, an Adams dairy farmer has broken ground for the first row of wind turbines and looks forward to tapping into renewable energy resources rather than relying on foreign oil.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/22/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:00
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: While state budget cuts have reduced the number of Extension Service offices from one per county to 18 regional centers, individual counties are being asked to fund satellite offices. Mower County Commissioners are being asked to provide about \$170-thousand to pay a 4-H Coordinator, support staff and some part-time help during peak seasons.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/22/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:39
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Tonight Heartland Energy received approval for their air emissions permit from the MN Pollution Control Agency Citizen Board. This brings Heartland one step closer to opening a tire burning plant in Preston. Dozens of opponents who voiced their environmental concerns at the meeting say they will file a lawsuit to block plant construction.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/11/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:50
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: Adams Farmtech Crop Services representative, Lynn Lagerstedt talked about the pest problems with aphids in soybean fields. Farmers are struggling with effective ways to get rid of aphids.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/19/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:25
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: MN First District Congressman Gil Gutknecht visited three farms in SE Minnesota today to gather information about effective ways to maintain a clean environment while growing economy through increased livestock production.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/20/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Today the MN Board of Animal Health held a Bioterrorism Exercise in Albert Lea to help prepare regional farmers for this threat. Southern MN and North Iowa are large producers in the cattle industry and one of the serious bioterrorism threats is foot and mouth disease.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/21/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Horse Masseur, Sarah Elliott explained how she has treated lame, Lethargic, underperforming horses around the world from Saudi Arabia to Houston to her hometown in Osage Iowa. She says that old horseman have known about the benefits of massage for many years.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/21/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Leah Hansen
Description: Freeborn MN Farmer, Ron Jacobson offered his perspective on how aphid problems and drought conditions are impacting area farmers. He talked about what he expects now from a difficult growing season.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/25/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: Preparations are underway for the 2003 National Barrow Show that will be held on the Mower County Fairgrounds in Austin. Exhibitors from over 25 states will gather September 8th through 10th to showcase eight major swine breeds. Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director, Holly Drennan, talked about the economic impact of this event plus a special kick-off event hosted by the City of Austin.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/26/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:50
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: A 3-year fecal study on a local creek in Dodge County is coming to an end. The main goal of the Salem Creek study is to lower the level of fecal coliform bacteria. A cost sharing program has been set up with people along the creek suspected of contributing to the high levels.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/28/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:21
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: Dan Nielsen, Agronomist, commented on how the serious drought and pests will affect the harvest. Some farmers figure they have lost more than 50 bushels to the acre yield in just the last few dry weeks. Nielsen says this is the worst drought that he can remember.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/01/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: A clever idea in Albert Lea is designed to help rid the lakes of the infamous carp. The Celebrate Albert Lea Fishing Contest attracted many anglers to compete for prizes while depleting the carp population.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/03/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:43
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The City of Ostrander is working with the MPCA to pinpoint the origin of the slime problem that was detected at the wastewater treatment plant several months ago. According to Civil Engineers and representatives of the MN Pollution Control Agency the while the black slime forming bacteria does not pose a threat, the problem needs to be resolved.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/04/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:25
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Leroy Sandven, USDA Mower County Executive Director, talked about options for Federal assistance through disaster aid and hopes for a good market. He says that if farmers get a decent price for the grain they do have, it will cushion the blow caused by drought conditions.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/07/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:42
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Austin's kick-off for the National Barrow Show features a pork feed and a Vikings football tailgate party. This is the largest swine exhibition and buying event in the United States. There are three new buildings on the fairgrounds which add to this year's appeal for the Barrow Show.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/08/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: The 57th Annual National Barrow Show is officially underway in Austin. Harold Hodson, of Swine Genetics International, explained the importance of specific characteristics with an emphasis on muscle vs. fat.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/09/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:00
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: The National Barrow Show serves as a valuable learning experience for students. Twenty colleges and universities and more than 40 high school teams are competing in this year's show where teams and individuals are ranked on their swine judging abilities. The Mower County FFA (Future Farmers of America) team took 4th place out of 42 high school teams.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/12/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:05
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: Many farmers are saying that last night's rainfall is too late to reverse the damage caused by many weeks of drought. Bob Gebhardt has been farming for 30 years and says he has never experienced a drought this extreme.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/12/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:50
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: The MM Pollution Control Agency has issued air quality advisories for many parts of the state including Rochester. The problems are due to industrial pollutants and have been complicated by the recent dry, hot weather. They recommend that people avoid prolonged or intense outdoor exercise.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/17/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Last week's rain is responsible for millions of small "painted lady" butterflies hatching across the region. Julie Champlain, Assistant at the Hormel Nature Center in Austin says these butterflies will migrate 17-hundred miles to Mexico after the first killing frost.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/17/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: Cattle farmers at a beef auction in Lanesboro talked about pros and cons related to raising beef cattle. Right now prices are good partly due to the ban on importing Canadian beef due to Mad Cow disease. However costs in raising the cattle and other factors make this business a constant rollercoaster ride.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/18/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:00
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Leah Hansen
Description: A celebration to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Animal Board of Health was held today on the Tesh-Holm farm in Fillmore County. The party attracted politicians, farmers and other local residents to listen to speakers and enjoy home-made ice cream.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/19/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:10
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: Staff members from the MN Department of Agriculture are wrapping up a 2-week study of state cornfield. They have been tracking the numbers of corn borer larvae at the end of the growing season. Although this kind of sampling has been going on for 50 years, many farmers are not aware of the free information available through this program. They can get details on the state web site.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/24/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Doug Malchow, University of MN Extension Education held an informational meeting in Dexter to explain why what is poured into septic systems is more important than most people realize. Many common household cleaners can harm the good bacteria in wastewater treatment systems.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/24/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The value of farmland in Freeborn County has gone up about 10% in the past year according to the County Assessor. Greg Jensen, Auctioneer sees the increase first hand and says that strong demand, low interest rates, and continued interest in farmland as an investment contribute to the value increase.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/26/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:40
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: Gene Hugoson, Commissioner of the MN Department of Agriculture visited Lyle High School to talk about career opportunities in the ag world. He was invited to speak in honor of a new FFA (Future Farmers of America) program. He noted that people can get discouraged with what's going on with farm prices and assume there's no future in agriculture but he says there are opportunities and some may not be on the farm.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 09/26/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Agriculture/Environment **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Antique tractors were put back into the field for the Annual Plowing Bee near Austin on Adrian Gaard's farm. He says the event brings back lots of memories.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Business news and development are consistently key areas of interest. Local news reports serve as important information/education for viewers regarding business challenges, transitions, needs and goals that have an impact in this region. Reports on business start-ups, expansion and/or downsizing convey important information about economic conditions. See attached documentation for related news segments.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 07/02/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:20
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: Austin City Administrator, Jim Hurm, and Community Development Director, Craig Hoium talked about the potential impact of being part of Job-Z. The Job Opportunity Building Zone program will create 5,000 acre tax free zones around the state to help communities attract new businesses.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/02/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Albert Lea and St. Joseph MO have been competing as sites for a Premium Pork hog-slaughtering site. Officials in St. Joseph have announced that they have won the bid for the new multi-million dollar facility. Albert Lea officials are waiting to comment until they get official confirmation from Premium Pork.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/03/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:00
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Premium Pork officials held a press conference in St. Joseph MO today to confirm it as their selection for a new multi-million dollar hog-slaughtering facility. Albert Lea Mayor Jean Eaton was informed that reasons they were not selected included concerns about cost of operation, transportation and location to Premium Pork's customers.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/08/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:45
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Today is the 2nd anniversary date of the fire that destroyed the Farmland Foods plant in Albert Lea causing the loss of more than 500 jobs. Demolition on the ruins is nearly complete. Pam Bishop of Albert Lea Greater Jobs explained that the city has been able to absorb most of the lost jobs and wants to remind residents that economic development takes time and the city still places high priority on locking in one large new employer to replace Farmland.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 07/10/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Albert Lea Mayor Jean Eaton is asking for ideas from residents on best use for the former site of Farmland Foods on the city's east side. She says city officials want to hear from residents as the make plans for new development of the property.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 07/12/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: The Pleasant Valley Power Plant in Mower County is just over a year old. It recently received ISO Certification and that means the plant meets some of the world's strictest environmental standards. Pleasant Valley is operated by Great River Energy, a power supplier for electric cooperatives around the state.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 07/19/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Many companies are hiring so called ethical hackers to find security loopholes and fix them. Good hackers can help companies stay one step ahead of computer thieves and keep your personal information safe and secure.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/23/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Some Albert Lea residents expressed concern about the announcement of two new businesses planning to open next month. The concern was sparked because the sign promoting the new enterprise is owned by Mal Prinzing, who operates an controversial adult novelty store near Stewartville. Also the name of the new shop is Vibrations Audio. More information has resolved most of the questions about the new companies.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/25/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Austin Utilities has been issuing peak alerts due to high usage of power during the recent bout of high temperatures. Peak Alerts are issued to remind consumers of the importance of conserving energy especially during the hours of 11 am until 7 pm. The amount of energy used during peak hot weather days has an impact on energy bills throughout the year.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/28/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:25
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Ron Flett, the brewmaster at the new Green Mill restaurant in Albert Lea talked about his path to becoming a brewer and the 3-week process for each 250 gallon batch of beer.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/28/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The MN Association of Professional Employees and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal are in the process of negotiating union contracts with the state. The state's request for a mediator during contract negotiations marks the first for MN.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/30/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The U.S. Labor, Commerce and Treasury Secretaries toured a classroom at the Mayo Clinic today to see first hand how non-skilled workers received training. Treasury Secretary, John Snow says re-training programs like this one is the type of success that Bush's economic team strives to duplicate.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/31/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Hormel officials report that today's fire at the Austin plant started about 5:30 PM in the packaging department. There were no injuries and the fire in a loft area burned itself out before firefighters arrived. An overheated vacuum pump is the apparent cause. Hormel officials expect that the packaging portion of the plant will be back in operation tomorrow.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/05/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:55
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Today Hormel Foods Corporation made an offer to Mower County to acquire property adjacent to the current Corporate South facility. Hormel would pay the county \$900-thousand cash and give the county 13 and one-half acres of land north of I-90 West near the Citgo Truck Stop. Mower County officials plan to respond to the offer next week.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/13/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:52
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Rochester has been listed among five MN cities among the top places in which to locate a business. Rankings were released last month by Expansion Magazine. The magazine compares the communities according to a variety of characteristics important to businesses. Rochester came in at #21 out of 329 metropolitan areas that were evaluated. The Twin Cities ranked 4th and Des Moines, IA was number one.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/13/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Today Nelson's Country Market is open for business in Albert Lea with a promise to deliver low prices, service and quality. This locally owned grocery store took over the space left by Rainbow Foods recent closing. Patrons will notice many familiar faces as about 80% of the Rainbow staff was hired for the new store. Nelson's Country Market will open another store in Faribault next week.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/14/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Mower County Commissioners made a counter offer to the Hormel Foods Corporation for property acquisition. Hormel responded that their initial offer was the maximum they were willing to pay and the result is an impasse. Austin Chamber of Commerce is strongly in favor of the acquisition and Hormel expansion and remains optimistic that the impasse can be resolved.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/17/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:45
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: Today marks the 50th Anniversary of the day that this TV station went on the air. Channel 6 made its debut as KMMT, then was known as KAUS before the change to KAAL call letters. Former News Director John O'Rourke joined Josh Benson to share some history and stories of days gone by.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 08/20/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:00
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: The City of Austin is doing what it can to help move the proposed Hormel expansion project forward. The City is willing to buy the 13.5 acres of land that was part of the company offer plus giving the County a \$100-thousand grant to be used for relocating the Human Services Department which will be displaced by the acquisition.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 08/27/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:20
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: The Mower County Commissioners have accepted an offer from the City to help facilitate the Hormel Foods Corporation acquisition of the county property. The Hormel expansion will create new corporate jobs and lead to positive economic growth.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/27/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: Ken Quinn, Instructor in the Riverland Training and Development Program, talked about the importance of today's 8-hour Forklift training course for displaced workers. Participants receive OSHA certification to work as forklift operators.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/01/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:3
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Dave Roberts
Description: The five year battle between Rochester and DM&E Railroad is now in Federal Court in St. Paul. The controversial issues include air pollution, noise, and traffic problems as a result of thirty-four trains per day traveling through downtown Rochester.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/08/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:25
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: The start of the school year creates more entry-level job openings. Temp agencies report that they have 25% more openings now. Sources like Workforce Development say this is a good time for skilled workers to get paid as employers hurry to finish projects before cold weather begins.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/09/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Many Hormel employees saw problems with wages and health care benefits when they got their first look at the company proposal for a new 4-year contract. Local P-9 officials did not make any comment about the vote results that are expected later today.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/16/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Today a US District Court in St Paul ruled heavily against Albert Lea based Natural Biologics and basically bars the company from doing business. The company is accused of illegally learning how Wyeth Pharmaceuticals gets estrogen from mare urine and using that knowledge to develop their product. Calls to request comments on the case to Natural Biologics and the City of Albert Lea have not been returned at this time.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/19/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Shelley Krusko
Description: This week employees at the Con-Agra plant in Wells were told that the factory is relocating to Texas. It means 208 people in this town with a population of just more than 2,000 will lose their jobs. Today several Wells residents reacted to the impact of losing Con Agra including City Administrator Rhonda Allis, Verne Draheim, Real Estate Broker, and Dave Buesing, President of Wells Concrete.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/25/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Steve Leqve, Manager of Rochester International Airport, does not currently have plans to expand. However, commercial development on airport property is already taking off. There is a residential area north of the airport with new houses going up.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/30/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 02:00

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Josh Benson

Description: Right now Union officials in Austin are counting ballots on the Hormel Foods contract proposal and taking calls from Union halls in four other states. Several employees who declined to be on camera say negotiations adds to the pay scale and subtracts from deductibles over a 4-year contract. Results of the vote will be announced on 6 News Good Morning which goes on the air at 6 AM tomorrow.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

A need has been expressed about the importance of community involvement, citizen interaction and showing facets of local participation within their communities. Sharing information about celebrations, events and programs is an effective way to play a significant role in the communities we serve.

Locally produced public service announcements (PSAs) are one of the on-air means we use to support the efforts of nonprofit organizations and schools in the viewing area. Local connections give us a unique edge and positive identity in the market. Public appearances by news personalities help build a positive image and reinforce our commitment to regional coverage. One of the goals we hope to achieve through our various community involvement programs is an increase in viewer loyalty. The KAAL OUR TOWN program series is a good example of our commitment to the communities in the viewing area.

See documentation of public appearances by Region 6 News team & management, details on PSA's and news segments that address viewing area issues and concerns.

3rd Quarter Locally Produced PSA's in Community Programs category.

Austin Heart of America Festival STREET DANCE	Length: 30 seconds
Crime Victim's Resource Center AUSTIN	Length: 30 seconds
Crime Victim's Crisis Center ROCHESTER	Length: 15 seconds
National Barrow Show Kick-Off CITY DINNER	Length: 15 seconds
Parenting Resource Center LEROY YOUTH GROUP	Length: 30 seconds
United Way of Mower County ANNUAL DRIVE	Length: 30 seconds
Wescott Field Improvement Project FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN	Length: 2 x :30

KAAL TV Presents 2nd OUR TOWN Season

KAAL TV continued their 2003 OUR TOWN series airing weekly programs each Thursday at 6:30 PM with a rebroadcast Friday morning at 11. 6 News Co-Anchor Carla Johnson is the primary host for this spring-summer tour of fourteen area cities.

6 News Co-Anchor, Carla Johnson hosts each OUR TOWN show assisted by a 6 News colleague. Carla comments, "This half-hour format gives us the flexibility to offer viewers a well-rounded look at each OUR TOWN city. We showcase their origins, special attractions and talk to local leaders from city officials to festival organizers."

Producer/Writer, Janet Anderson, explains that KAAL's goal for OUR TOWN is to feature unique facets and facts about each of the fourteen communities on the 2003 summer tour. "We hope to motivate viewers to visit the OUR TOWN locations and see for themselves how much there is to see and do in SE Minnesota and North Iowa.

Last summer's OUR TOWN shows received a Media Best Award from the Minnesota Broadcasters Association and we got such positive feedback last year that we decided to do it again. KAAL OUR TOWN airs twice each week through the end of August."

Here is the list of OUR TOWN programs that aired in July and August 2003:

Albert Lea	July 3 & 4
LeRoy	July 10 & 11
Forest City	July 17 & 18
Rochester	July 24 & 25
Osage	July 31 & August 1
Chatfield	August 7 & 8
Owatonna	August 14 & 15
Dodge Center	August 21 & 22
Austin	August 28 & 29

The following documentation list OUR TOWN show feature reports that aired during July and August. Each one represents a unique distinction about the OUR TOWN location. This list represents another time the report aired during a regular newscast in addition to airing within the OUR TOWN program.

Title: 6 News OUR TOWN **Date:** 07/01/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Albert Lea native and artist Lloyd Herfindahl left a legacy through his mural paintings illustrating the history of Albert Lea. His work includes portraits and landscapes but he is most noted for his colorful murals that hang in Albert Lea city and Freeborn County buildings and churches as well as other locations around the world.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN--Albert Lea** **Date:** 07/01/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Albert Lea native and artist Lloyd Herfindahl left a legacy through his mural paintings

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-LeRoy** **Date:** 07/07/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:00
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: Lake Louise State Park, just outside LeRoy, has much to offer with facilities for camping, swimming, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding and more. Many people from the area enjoy spending time there just for a picnic. It is one of 70 state parks in MN and this year is featured on the statewide park sticker issued to each car that enters a park.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Forest City** **Date:** 07/11/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Brian Fancher
Description: Waldorf College in Forest City IA is celebrating its 100th Anniversary with a year-long celebration. College officials estimate that there have been over 11,000 graduates so far. In recent years, Waldorf has expanded to a four-year college and this year they are attracting students with a 15% decrease in tuition costs.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Rochester** **Date:** 07/18/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:50
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: Dorcus Speers, Chair of Special Tours at the world-famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester showed a facet of the clinic that is not as well known – they own and display a world class art collection including original works by Worhol, Calder and Matisse. The concept is that art is part of a healthy environment.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Rochester** **Date:** 07/21/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Mayo Clinic researchers are studying a problem many golfers face called YIPS. They have organized a special golf outing with 16 participants being carefully monitored in an effort to determine whether an intermittent slight jerk in the wrist while putting is physiological or psychological. The hope is that this study could lead to an effective treatment or cure.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Osage** **Date:** 07/25/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 02:05
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Dora Biederman, Curator of the Mitchell County Historical Museum gave a brief tour of highlights from their vast collection. She talked about interesting ways in which donations have come to the museum and noted milestones in the colorful county history.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Osage** **Date:** 07/30/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Dennis Fannin, General Manager of Osage Utilities explained how their well-established energy conservation program has served as a model for other cities. He noted that effective methods have been saving money for residents and the city for decades.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **OUR TOWN-Chatfield** **Date:** 08/05/03 **Time:** 6 AM
Length: 02:15 **Issue Addressed:** Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: Chatfield is celebrating their sesquicentennial and one of the events is a historical musical pageant written by native Donald Brian Johnson. He has been involved with hometown theatre productions for 33 years and felt this was a special way to give something back.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Owatonna** **Date:** 08/11/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:00
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Harvey Rongelien spent eleven years of his childhood at the MN State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children in Owatonna. As an adult he has devoted the last 10 years to created a museum and tours so that what was home to over 10,000 children would not be forgotten.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Austin** **Date:** 08/21/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The Hormel Nature Center in Austin is a popular destination with plenty to offer visitors. The good news is that soon there will be even more to see and do with a land acquisition of 200 acres, Naturalist Larry Dolphin credits the many dedicated volunteers for helping with Nature Center programs and fund raising.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Dodge Center** **Date:** 08/25/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:00
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: The McNeilus Wind Farm just south of Dodge Center is home to some of the most advanced wind energy technology in the world. This is a welcome solution to growing energy challenges and plans are in place for more wind turbines near Adams and Clairmont.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Dodge Center** **Date:** 08/25/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:00
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Jay Williams
Description: The Dodge Center public golf course opened a new back nine this spring and it has received very positive reactions from golfers throughout the area. Greg Head, Club Expansion Manager explained that the community worked together with volunteer time and donations on the this expansion and were able to start the season with the project paid in full.

Title: 6 News **OUR TOWN-Austin** **Date:** 07/30/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Brian Smith
Description: The popular Veteran's Pavillion in Austin's Bandshell Park had a former life as St. Paul's Church. Tom Graff, Austin Park & Rec Dept. Supervisor explained the transformation was inspired when the church had to be closed due to flood damage. Graff felt the structure had great potential as a park facility and worked the DNR on a sound renovation plan. This led to removing all wood below the flood plain, filling in the basement and removing windows and doors to create a flow-through structure that can withstand any future floods. The beautiful arches and other architectural details were left intact.

3rd Quarter Public Involvement/Appearances by Region 6 News Team/KAAL Staff: July 1st – Sept. 30, 2003

- 07/03/03 Jason Howland and Brian Smith represented KAAL News Dept in the Albert Lea 4th of July parade.
- 08/08/03 Jay Williams, Dan Ruiter, Carla Johnson and Greg Dixon met with viewers prior to doing live newscast at the Mower County Fair. Greg and Jay also participated in a sports competition at the Fair.

On-going KAAL Staff Community Involvement

Janet Anderson, Promotion Department, serves on Board of Directors for both the Austin Area Commission for the Arts/Historic Paramount Theatre. She is also a member of the City of Austin Planning Commission – an appointed volunteer position.

Lora Lee Bauer, Data Processing Manager, serves on Executive Board of Matchbox Children's Theatre in Austin and is past President of the Board.

Harlan Carlson, Data Processing Dept., volunteers for Miss Austin Scholarship Pageant in several areas. He also volunteers for Austin Christmas in the City events by assisting Imagery Sound with set-up and running sound equipment and participates in Austin Chamber activities.

Leo Coyle, Programming Department, as Austin Chamber of Commerce Ambassador - participates in ribbon cuttings for business openings, attends Business After Hours monthly events, Committee Chair for Business of the Year Recognition Event and serves on committees for the Amigo Day Golf Outing and Christmas in the City.

Carla Johnson, 6 News Weeknight Co-Anchor, serves on the Board of Directors of Mower County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a 6-year term.

Brad Klukow, Production Department - volunteer for Mower County Humane Society. Responsibilities include, exercising dogs, cleaning cages and, at times, fostering animals. He is also a member of the Albert Lea Clown Troupe and performs for children's events.

Chris Mans, Sales Dept., volunteer youth basketball coach for Blooming Prairie Recreation Assoc. & volunteer choir director for St. Columbanus Catholic Church in Blooming Prairie.

Dan Ruiter & Carla Johnson, 6 News Co-Anchors are honorary Co-chairs for the Mower County United Way Campaign. This involves attending meetings, participating in media challenges to stimulate more contributions and appearing in locally produced public service announcements to encourage donations.

Community & Consumer Issues:

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/02/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:02
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Ryan O'Donnell
Description: CERT, which stands for Community Emergency Response Team is a new volunteer program in Rochester. The goal is to have 600 CERT trained volunteers in Rochester to function in neighbor helping neighbor program in case of a disaster situation.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/11/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:50
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Tonight the American Cancer Society Relay for Life is going on in Rochester. This annual project raises money for cancer research. Teams of up to 15 people will spend the entire night at the Rochester Community Technical College walking to raise money. Their path is lighted with luminaries, each one bears the name of a loved one who has died of cancer.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/14/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:10
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: An annual cycling event is raising funds for Habitat for Humanity. Jay Mahon is one of about 150 riders in the Habitat 500 journey that began Sunday in Duluth at the site of the 1,000th Habitat home in MN. Their route through the state is disgned to visit as many of the homes as possible.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/15/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Today was the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Ag Appreciation Summer Cookout. Over 700 porkchops were served to say thank you to area farmers. Proceeds from the cookout go to ag related programs such as 4-H, the 3rd grade Day on the Farm tour, and agri-business scholarships.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/22/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:40
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: Osage residents can take pride in a new sculpture. A large elm tree outside the Osage Community Daycare Center was damaged during a storm last spring. Local chain saw carver Pat Doyle saw great potential and saved part of the tree to become what he calls "the Gift". Doyle carved the image of a small child and a teddy bear with three building blocks.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 07/24/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:55
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: A few of Austin's Municipal workers were involved in a rescue mission today involving three baby ducks. The ducklings had fallen through a sewer grate and after the rescue, the mother and offspring were taken to a safe place in Mill Pond Park.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 07/27/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:08
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: The town of West Concord celebrated "Survival Days" this weekend with a parade, street dance, tractor pull and more festivities. This annual summer event started 17 years ago when West Concord residents were looking for a way to celebrate the reopening of Hwy 56 after a long construction project.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 07/27/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:13
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The hot weather motivates many people to head to the cooling waters of a lake or pool. Albert Lea Lake Patrolman Gary Jacobsen offered some helpful safety tips for parents and kids.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/29/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The South Central Community Action Partnership mission is to help low income families achieve financial independence but fund is tough because of state budget cuts. In Freeborn County Community Action currently operates an emergency shelter and three transitional housing units for families in need. However they will need to close in order to cope with the loss of \$160-thousand in Federal and State aid unless private funding is found.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/30/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:20
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: Members of the Sudanese Association in Austin talked about their experiences and challenges. Austin has become an positive alternative to their war torn homeland, mainly due to Riverland Community College and a growing number of other immigrants from Sudan. Overcoming the language barrier is a prime issue at Association meetings.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/30/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:40
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: A Sudanese Community Development Association has been formed to help newcomers in Austin. Riverland Community College is a key factor in this population growth. And many of the new residents are escaping from a war-torn country where disease and poverty run rampant.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 07/31/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: New Denmark Park located on the banks of Fountain Lake in Albert Lea has a new addition. Volunteers made the arrangements and gathered donations to install a floating fountain about 100 feet out from the mermaid statue. Mayor Jean Eaton commented that is one more unique attraction to draw visitors to downtown Albert Lea.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 08/01/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: Stewartville hopes to open a new aquatic center by spring 2005. The current pool is nearly 40 years old and Frank Lager, Aquatic Committee Co-Chair says it is also too small to meet the needs of this growing community.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/04/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: Austin residents are being encouraged to apply to participate in the 6th Annual Blandin Leadership Conference group. Up to 24 people will be accepted into the community leadership training program.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/04/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: Tonight the Friends of the Hormel Nature Center announced that they will receive a \$170-thousand grant from the MN DNR for the purchase and restoration of a 62-acre piece of land adjacent to the Nature Center.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 08/08/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: Rochester firefighters are working to raise money to build a memorial to honor Fallen members of the department. Today they held a benefit golf outing in Pine Island to help meet their goal of \$25,000.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/15/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:00
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: The annual Minnesota Catholic Harvest Mass is always held on August 15 and each year it is held in a different area of the state. This year Al and Jane Steinkamp hosted it on their farm southeast of Adams and Bishop Bernard Harrington was there to celebrate the occasion.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/16/03 **Time:** 10 AM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: For the 5th years, golfers gathered in Hayfield to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Rochester, a no-cost place for cancer patients to stay while going through treatment.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 08/18/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:40
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: The town of Glenville wrapped up its annual summer celebration with a Variety Show. It was a fundraiser to help build a senior citizen's complex. Glenville has received a \$250-thousand state grant but needs more money for the project.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/20/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:55
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Mason City native Martha Teas Meiklejohn was a dedicated public servant working for UNICEF in Baghdad when she was killed the recent terrorist attack on the UN Headquarters. A family friend shared memories of Martha as a child and through her career which took her to many dangerous places around the world.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/23/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:29
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Today hundred of runners participated in a half marathon in Rochester to raise money for arthritis treatment and research. Some were in training for a full marathon Arthritis Fundraiser that will be held this December in Hawaii.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/23/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:22
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: The Salty Dog Open started as a memorial golf tournament started by the families of Frank Brown and Steve Larkin and it continues to be a great way to raise money for 2 great causes. The money is donated to the Alzheimer's Research Association and Cancer Research Association.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/25/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:15
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Jay Williams
Description: The 6th Annual Karl Potach Tournament was held today at the Austin Country Club to raise money for cancer research. In addition to a big turn-out of local golfers, it drew some players that have earned national attention, Austin native Conrad Ray and Casey Martin.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/04/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Today a clothing "sale" sponsored by two area churches was held at Shirley Thiel Park in Austin. However, there was a catch because the everything from the 2 trucks and four van loads of clothing was actually free. It was a welcome event for the residents of a the low income apartment complex living nearby.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/11/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Today is the 2nd anniversary of America's 9/11 tragedy. Father Gerald Mahon at St. John's Catholic Church in Rochester talked about peace and the message of Jesus to love our Enemies during a Mass of Remembrance. Also in Rochester, a flag that flew over the Pentagon during the terrorist attacks was raised over the National Guard Armory.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/15/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The Mower County Humane Society held their annual Walk for Animals to raise money to care for dogs and cats in need of homes. They "introduced" several of the animals currently in need of homes and talked about the services provided by the Humane Society.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/15/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: The Mower County Recycling Center in cooperation with Waste Management sponsored an Electronics Recycling Collection Event at the Fairgrounds this weekend. People can drop off any old TVs, computers or VCRs for just \$10. More than 150 people dropped off items.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/15/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Today over 1,400 IBM employees were not at work, instead they donated their time throughout the community for IBM's 7th Annual Day of Caring. Jim Wacholz took time out from painting a fence at Ironwood Christian Ranch to comment on his involvement.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/17/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: This morning students at Austin High School gathered to participate in the National Day of Prayer. This annual event was started by a group of Texas teens in 1990. This year's events were especially timely as students reflected on recent terrorist attacks and current world conflicts. As the event is led by students outside the school, before classes start it is considered to be constitutional.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 09/20/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: The Albert Lea PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization) hosted their annual Fundraiser for higher education today. Albert Lea native and author, Julie Wright autographed copies of her book, "Treasuring the Gift of Tea Time" and shared her experiences as an author. The event raised more than \$2,000 for a scholarship fund designated for local women going into higher education.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 09/20/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: A local group has formed to adopt a 28-mile stretch of the Zumbro River to make sure the river stays clean for years to come. Clean up volunteers talked about their reasons for getting involved in cleaning up the Zumbro, one of the area's most popular recreation spots.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 09/21/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:20
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The community of Albert Lea gathered for a good cause and good food at a Pancake Feed. Citizens are raising funds to help the Freeborn County Sheriff's Department pay for a new K-9 unit. They did have a canine unit several years ago until the dog had to be retired and felt it was a very valuable tool to combating crime.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/23/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:05
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Albert Lea parents gathered at the high school for a special class on the latest trends in drug abuse. The key message was talk early and often to your kids. The main speaker was Carol Falkowski from the Hazelden Foundation. Dwaine Winkels, Assistance Chief of Police, talked about how valuable it is to get parents to attend events like this class.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/23/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Residents like David are grateful for the opportunity to live at Hiawatha Homes, a place for the severely disabled to call home. Today there was a special gathering to celebrate the final payment on this important community facility in Rochester.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/24/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: South Central Community Action in Freeborn County continues to receive donations to keep an area homeless shelter open. Donations began arriving after the recent announcement that they would have to close due to budget cuts. So far they have received over 75-hundred dollars and the Director says they will be able to keep the Shelter open.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/25/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:05
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Leah Hansen
Description: The Olmsted County Human Rights Commission want to help victims of hate, violence and prejudice in the Rochester area. They feel what they know about is just the tip of the iceberg so they are in the early stages of organizing a bias hate response plan. People who would like to get involved are encouraged to contact the Human Rights Commission.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 09/27/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:40
Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: The Family Career Community Leaders of America have created a "Box City" on Main Street in Grand Meadow to raise awareness and much needed money for the Rochester Women's Center. Students are spending the night in cardboard boxes to give them, and others in the community, a idea of what it is like to be homeless.

The 6 News Consumer Close-Up reports have stimulated positive feedback from viewers. The following documentation represents Consumer Close-Ups aired during the 3rd Quarter of 2003.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/01/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: **Consumer Close-Up** - Josh Benson focused on the use of MP3 technology to download music to personal computers. Dan Harber, Internet Technology Director, talked about concerns from the overload impact on computer systems at colleges to potential fines for file sharing users and developers with substantial collections.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/03/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: **Consumer Close-Up** - Josh Benson focused on what is, and is not legal, in terms of fireworks in Minnesota and Iowa compared to laws in Wisconsin. Violations can result in fines plus possible jail time.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/09/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:25
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: **Consumer Close-Up** - the Powerball Jackpot has grown to \$250-million in prize money, creating a buying frenzy. Josh Benson put what that much money could buy into perspective by comparing it to housing, car purchases.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/15/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:25
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** report focused on the importance of health insurance and how thousands of MN children are needlessly uninsured. Olmsted County Outreach Director, Ginny Marquardt explained that programs are available for people who cannot fit health insurance costs into their family budget.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/17/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** report focused on addiction to shopping, a serious problem that currently affects 60 million people in this country. He offered tips and resources for dealing with the problem.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 07/22/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:25
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** focused on tips for getting the best buy on eye glasses. He talked with consumers who say it's well worth the time to shop around and compare prices.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/24/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** focused on credit ratings and the importance of checking Your FICO score is a combination of credit information that could make or break you financially. Some reports cite as high as 50% of files contain errors so it's important to check your file periodically.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/29/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** focused on the importance of having renter's insurance and what it can cover from theft or fire damages to someone getting hurt in your apartment.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/16/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** focused on how some companies take advantage of grieving family members who want to buy grave monuments. The Holbrook family paid a \$1,200 deposit and were stalled with excuses for 9 months. This time they did get their deposit back and then worked through a credible company. A representative offered safety tips.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/18/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** focused on handicapped parking passes. Who is eligible to receive a pass and how much of a problem is abuse of the privilege? Several people who have passes offered their perspectives and Capt. Curt Rude of the Austin Police Department talked about violations and enforcement.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/23/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** focused on the surprising price increase for a sheet of plywood. Roger Stratton, Manager for United Building Center in Rochester talked about reasons for the price increase.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/25/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** focused on fast food and dieting. The real trick is staying under 1500 calories a day according to Good Housekeeping weight loss guru Jim Karas.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/30/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Community & Consumer **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: This **Consumer Close-Up** focused a new law affecting the use of ATV's, or All Terrain Vehicles and hunting. Tony Musatov, MN DNR Conservation Officer, explained that the new law says no riding is allowed in marshes, ponds, bogs or unfrozen public waters no matter if the land is public or private. The reason behind the new law is the damages that can be caused to vegetation, erosion and disruption of the ecosystem.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

A need has been expressed to maintain strong recreational and cultural programs to enhance the quality of life in our communities. A thriving, well-balanced leisure climate is an important aspect to prospective businesses and individual families considering a move into a community as well as to current residents. Cultural diversity issues have become increasingly important throughout the area in terms of news coverage, community projects and programs. The growing minority population creates new opportunities and challenges.

Locally produced public service announcements are another important way that we serve and support nonprofit organizations and school programs in the viewing area. This local connection gives Region 6 a unique edge and positive identity in the market. Sports Director, Jason Howland is also an award-winning fisherman. He produces, **Howland Headin' Outdoors**, a regular summertime featuring tips for other avid anglers. See attached documentation.

Third Quarter Locally Produced Public Service Announcements (PSA's)

American Legion Baseball - Austin STATE TOURNAMENT	Length :30 seconds
Historic Paramount Theatre – Austin OSTROUSKO CONCERT	Length :15 seconds
Historic Paramount Theatre - Austin GLENN MILLER CONCERT	Length :15 seconds
Historic Paramount Theatre - Austin DOO-WOP ALLSTARS CONCERT	Length :15 seconds
Historic Paramount Theatre - Austin DIAMONDS CONCERT	Length :15 seconds
Matchbox Children's Theatre - Austin SUMMER CAMP	Length :15 seconds
Riverland College Theatre - Austin JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	Length :15 seconds
Riverland College Theatre - Austin CAROUSEL	Length :15 seconds
Robert Myers Art Series CONCERT	Length :15 seconds
Summerset Theatre - Austin OUR TOWN	Length :15 seconds

Third Quarter Special Programming

Program: 6 Sports Prep Preview

Airdate: Sunday, August 24 at 4:30 PM

Description: This half-hour special program was hosted by Sports Director Jason Howland and Assistant Sports Director Jay Williams. It is a preview of the high school football season featuring interviews with coaches and players from teams throughout the viewing area. It also included statistics, video action segments and season goals.

CULTURE & RECREATION ISSUES & CONCERNS:

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 07/05/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:10

Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch

Description: The 2nd Annual Hambone Blues Jam in Austin featured local to national acts. Audience member and musicians were impressed with the performances and positive feedback from the crowd. Co-organizer Troy Thompson expressed his enthusiasm about bringing something unique to Austin and showing them what blues music really is.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/07/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:44

Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Jason Howland

Description: Jason Howland, 6 News Sports Director featured fishing in **Howland's Headin' Outdoors**. Jason was joined by a local golf pro who traded in his golf clubs for a day of fishing with Jason at the lake in Chester Woods Park.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/07/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:44

Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Mark Johnson

Description: Harold Recknor, President of the MN State Fair Board talked about how a newly formed Foundation will be a revenue source for building renovations and repairs needed to maintain and improve the fairgrounds. The Foundation will generate funds through individual and corporate donations

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 07/20/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:25

Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert

Description: This weekend the Civil War Battle of Wilson's Creek was re-enacted at East Park in Mason City. Ron Larson, one of the participants, explained that a love of history and commitment to "keep it just like it was back then" create the appeal for him. They portrayed a battle that took place on August 10, 1861 near Springfield Missouri.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/21/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:15

Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Jason Howland

Description: Jason Howland, 6 News Sports Director featured fishing for catfish in **Howland's Headin' Outdoors**. Jason teamed up with Kevin Verbrugge, catfisherman on the Minnesota River near Bell Plaine, MN.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 07/26/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: A local family is observing an annual summer ritual by taking a trip to Mankato to start the season with their favorite sports team. The Wiese family watches the MN Vikings Football team go through training camp and enjoy getting up close and personal with the players.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/29/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Austin Native Marc Anderson was back in town for a concert with Peter Ostrousko and the Sacred Heart Band in the Historic Paramount Theatre. He was looking forward to playing in the renovated theatre because he had many fond memories of watching movies there.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 07/31/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:20
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: The Sudanese Association in Austin was formed to lessen barriers as their population grows. One of the reasons that Austin has been attracting immigrants from Sudan is because of Riverland Community College. The language barrier is one the major hurdles and the Association is helping to deal with that.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/01/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: Joe Bonsall, a member of the popular Oak Ridge Boys band, signed copies of his book earlier today in Albert Lea. His book entitled, **G.I. Joe and Lillie** is based on the lives of his parents. The band is performing tonight for two Grandstand shows at the Freeborn County Fair.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/01/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Gary Ellingson, Mower County Commissioner, says fair goers will see major changes at this year's Fair. Larry Rasch from the Fair Board explained they have 3 new livestock buildings which will be useful for trade shows and exhibits in addition to the Fair.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/04/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Jason Howland
Description: Jason Howland, 6 News Sports Director featured fishing in **Howland's Headin' Outdoors**. Jason was joined by KAAL TV Gen.Manager, Patrick St. George on Lake Zumbro.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/08/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Shirley DeYoung, Mower County Historical Society Director, talked about the new 60 by 120 foot structure that will be the future home of the Historical Society's permanent collection of farm machinery. Recently they received several vintage pieces including an 1857 corn planter.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/12/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:50
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Riverland Community College Theatre Department Alumni are presenting the famous 70's rock musical JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR in Austin. It is a fund raiser for the Theatre Student Scholarship Fund. Donovan Germaine, who is playing the title role talked about the challenges of playing Jesus.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/17/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:34
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Annette Oswald, Coordinator of the Albert Lea Art Center talked about their annual Art in the Park event. It is an opportunity for area artists to show and sell their work. It represented a wide variety of artwork from pottery and paintings to jewelry and hooked rugs.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/24/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Today lots of people spent time lost in a 12 acres corn maze near Northwood Iowa. Donnie Pangburn explained that the design was created through grid mapping and stalk mowing. The maze includes 15 stations that depict scenes from the wild west. People are given directions before they enter the maze plus a flag to wave in case they need to be rescued.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/27/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:55
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Dan Rutter
Description: Labor Day is often a big travel weekend but with soaring gas prices the Hormel Nature Center in Austin is reminding people about what they have to offer from hiking to canoeing. They are also in charge of the Sole Fide Observatory which will be open Saturday night to give folks a chance to get a good look at the planet Mars.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 08/28/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:50
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: The new climbing wall at Brookside Education Center in Albert Lea will be a new recreational opportunity for people of all ages. Audra Nissen-Boyer, Manager of the Rock Gym facility says the possibilities for use are endless from purely recreational to helping to develop team building skills and classroom grade standards work.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/29/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: The MN Department of Natural Resources reports that many people heading to the lake over Labor Day weekend may have trouble keeping their boats afloat. Near drought conditions on many waterways may have created more hazards on lakes. In addition to low water levels, boaters need to watch for rock, trees and other debris in the water.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/31/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Nearly 200 drivers from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa competed for \$11-thousand in prize money at the Destruction Derby in Rochester. It's the largest derby of its kind in Minnesota.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/01/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: A regional competition of the International Aerobatic Club brought 30 planes to Albert Lea this weekend. Mike Wiskus, a pilot for 27 years described some of the stunts he performs. Judges will critique the pilots on three categories as they prepare for national competition next month.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 09/06/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:32
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Albert Lea hosted an air show that showcased skills designed for emergency purposes. Audiences enjoy the aerobatic tricks of loops, rolls and hammerhead turns but pilot Jeff Mawhinney sees a bigger picture. He explains that these skills help them prepare for emergency situations when they would be flying with a plane filled with passengers.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/11/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Neighbors near South Park in Austin are upset because they say overuse use of the park on weekends which leads to too many cars making the area unsafe for children. Basketball tournaments by the Hispanic community each weekend are the source of the problem. The City is looking at the issue but the initial legal comment is that this use of park property is legal.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/11/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:20
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Brian Fancher
Description: The 2003 National Air Tour landed in Mason City today. It is a recreation of the tours that took place each year from 1925 to 1931 designed to introduce Americans to the concept of civil and commercial flight.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 09/20/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Bill Planton helped to form the SE Minnesota Smallmouth Alliance three years ago and also got the group involved in protecting the Zumbro River. These anglers take the responsibility very seriously and frequently bring in catches of garbage pulled from the river rather than fish.

EDUCATION

Keeping well informed on the quality of education is an ongoing 6 News priority. Educators, parents and school boards are constantly in the process of evaluating the education process and budgets. The second quarter of 2003 finds Minnesota schools throughout the area, particularly colleges, struggling to deal with potential budget cuts and/or tuition increases. The presence of community colleges in Austin, Albert Lea, Mason City, Owatonna and Rochester, plus private colleges, adds to viewer interest about education issues. Colleges are seeing an increase in enrollment despite probable tuition increases that may be attributed to the current state of the economy.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/08/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: Riverland Community College Technical programs are thriving as the demand for skilled workers continues to rise. Instructors Walt Alms and Tom Wilker talked about enrollment increases and positive outlook for graduates.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/08/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Dave Roberts
Description: Reporter Dave Roberts sought out educators to explain just what a "below average" designation means when talking about the "No Child Left Behind" program. A school might receive a poor citation in reading but excel in the math category. Rochester Superintendent Jerry Williams believes that the reports help schools discover areas that need work.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/08/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:55
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Tonight the Albert Lea School Board approved changes to one of the District's Title One Special Education programs that will leave more than a dozen people without jobs. Transition from high school to post graduation services. They say the decision was forced by about \$150-thousand in State and Federal cuts.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/16/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Rochester Community and Technical College will be forced to raise tuition by 30% over the next two years. In fact, all 33 institutions within MNSCU will see some increases over the next two years. Students say the fact that it's happening across the state doesn't make it any easier to handle the tuition increases which mean an extra \$400 for students this year.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/21/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: As of this morning, Sumner Elementary School in Austin has been taken off the list of schools not meeting the "No Child Left Behind" program. It turns out that the the Department of Education left out 8 scores that lowered the school's average. The scores in question were from the special education category and the results were added to the total.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/05/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:55
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: This week 8 Southern MN teachers participated in the "Atofina Chemicals" Science Teacher program. The goal is to get elementary kids excited about science in hopes that they might choose it for a career. The teachers work with Atofina kits designed to help teachers create fun, interesting lesson plans. Since 1996 more than 350 teachers have taken part in this program and shared their knowledge with more 30,000 students across the nation.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/05/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Students entering the Community College system and planning to transfer to a 4-year college should make sure to get the facts about transferring credits because the college of choice may, or may not, accept all credits.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 08/07/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Terry Leas, new President of Riverland Community College in Austin is getting settled into his new role. He says the college is in good shape, despite economic woes in MN. Leas came to Austin from Yakima Valley Community College in Washington.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/14/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: Austin is holding an English As A Second Language Summer Camp for the 2nd year sponsored by APEX and the Episcopal Church. The goal is giving extra help to kids and adults struggling with language barriers. Today they took a field trip to Austin Public Library.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/14/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: MN schools are being judged on whether or not they are making adequate yearly progress based on student exam scores. 144 out of 1,800 MN public schools did not make the initial cut including 9 schools in the 6 News viewing area. After evaluating appeals over the last month, three schools were moved to the "making the grade" category.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/18/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:50
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Austin High School is gearing up for another year. Principal Joe Brown talked registration in progress for 1,200 students and some of the changes that will be in place when school begins September 2nd.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/25/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Dave Olson, Superintendent of the Glenville-Emmons School District, talked about the changes made necessary by the defeat of the referendum. Lack of funding forced the closing of Emmons Middle School, loss of 25 staff positions and 58 students enrolled in other schools. However, the outlook is still positive for the 400 students they will welcome back this fall.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/28/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Enrollment at the three Riverland Community College campuses has increased by 12% according to initial figures. Riverland ranks in the top five of 32 MN Community Colleges. Gary Schindler, V.P. of Student Affairs, attributes their impressive growth to good recruiting, quality product, transfers that are working well and affordability.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/02/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:10
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Leah Hansen
Description: MN Minority Leader, Matt Entenza, and the MN House DFL is working on a plan To restore the 180 million dollars cut from education. He says the Gov. had a lot of great rhetoric about protecting the classroom but due to cuts there are 2,000 fewer teachers in classrooms now and his group is hoping that rhetoric and reality will collide and lead to changes.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/02/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Today was the first day of kindergarten for 22 students in Mrs. Bonnerups' class at Sibley Elementary School in Albert Lea. It was a day of mixed emotions for both students and Parents and they shared feelings ranging for excitement to worries about that great big school bus.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/09/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: The polls are still open until 8 PM as Hayfield school district residents vote on a referendum that could generate \$400 of revenue for each student, for each of 5 years. If the referendum fails, drastic budget cuts may have to take place.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/09/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The MN Department of Education will hold a public meeting in Stewartville to discuss the first draft of science, history, and social studies standards. It is one of about a dozern meetings scheduled around the state to get reactions from parents and teachers about the new standards designed to replace the Profiles of Learning graduation standards.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/15/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:00
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: Tonight the Austin School Board decides whether or not the school district will call for a referendum. If approved, the referendum will be on the November 4th ballot. Lori Volz, Austin School District Accountant says the combination of budget cuts and inflation is creating the financial challenges.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/17/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:00
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Santiago Caride, a senior at John Marshall High School in Rochester is one of just 72 students in the nation to get a perfect score on his ACT college entrance exam. Guidance Counselor, Darren Couillard says this puts Santiago in the top 1% in the US and will open doors to many college choices.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/18/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Carolyn Miller taught in public schools for six years and now feels that teaching kids at home is the best choice. While some home school critic say that lack of exposure to other kids makes it harder for kids to socialize, Miller says her kids are involved in team sports and have plenty of interaction with peers.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/24/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:55
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Austin High School Principal Joe Brown offered his reaction to today's tragic school shooting in Cold Spring. He says it's important to be alert and listen to students because of the danger of copycat shootings. He mentioned the scare earlier this week at John Marshall H.S. in Rochester and reinforced how important it is for parents to talk with their kids about incidents like these and the impact of bullying.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/25/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Austin Middle School students offered their ideas about the reasons for bullying and what can and should be done about it. Today students watched a movie about the harm that comes from picking on other people. School officials say movies like this can help start dialog about what can be done about bullying and how to handle it if you are the victim..

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/26/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:50
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Shelley Krusko
Description: Grand Meadow School Superintendent, Bruce Klaehn says that in order to keep operating they are now they need increased revenue. Grand Meadow will join more that 80% of MN school districts asking voters to support referendums in November.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/30/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:50
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Shelley Krusko
Description: Several signs outlining Minnesota's new statewide "Five Star" school performance evaluation system are posted around Austin High School. Principal Joe Brown says the goal is to inspire students to strive for excellence in the classroom. Senate Education Committee Chair Steve Kelley, along with Sen. Dan Sparks and Representative Jeff Anderson visited several classrooms throughout the day to interact with students and teachers.

HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

Concern regarding safety and good health care, including physical and mental health, awareness of health programs and safety issues continues to be a priority. The world famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota is located within our viewing area. The influence of Mayo Health Care systems adds to the emphasis on health related reporting for 6 News in areas of research, medical care and preventative measures. As part of our effort to respond to viewer interest about medical news, health and fitness we air "HealthWise" every weeknight during the 10 PM edition of 6 News and again during 6 News Good Morning the following day. It is a combination of syndicated and locally produced health reports. HealthWise also airs on a local radio station to reinforce our commitment to health issues. There continues to be an emphasis on health issues due to fears of terrorism in terms of biological or chemical attacks. Mayo Clinic has shown strong leadership on how to deal with potential small pox and anthrax problems.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/07/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Sherri McCarty is an Austin woman whose daughter and three granddaughters have received medical care at Shriner's Hospital in Minneapolis. It provides free care for children with orthopedic problems. National Shriner officials have announced they want to shut down the Mpls hospital because they see it as underused. McCarty and others are working to keep the hospital open.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/09/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:21
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: Randy Wencel of Dodge Center is a veteran blood donor. Today he was one of the donors at the Red Cross Bloodmobile held at the American Legion Hall. Bloodmobile Coordinator, Mary Gillard talked about how important it is to give.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 07/12/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:36
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Today organ transplant recipients and their families enjoyed a picnic lunch at Essex Park in Rochester sponsored by Mayo Clinic. Robert Christanson shared his experience of receiving the 217th heart transplant at Mayo, giving him a second chance at life.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/14/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:42
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Dave Roberts
Description: Dave Lambert, a General Aviation Technician at Albert Lea Municipal Airport, takes great pride in his job. He sets high standards for keeping pilots and passengers safe by carefully monitoring maintenance work.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/15/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:33
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: Austin Police Chief Paul Phillip talked about studies and testing in progress on how to convert alert sirens in cities around the country for more uses than storm warnings. Homeland security issues are prompting work on effective ways to transmit terrorist alerts to the public. It may become possible to broadcast verbal warnings with some conversion to the current systems.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/16/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: The nursing shortage isn't getting any better. Many are overworked and while experts say that patient care is not being sacrificed yet, that could happen. Recruiter Lisa Ketterling says there are just not as many people looking at the nursing field even with the incentive of salaries of \$20 to \$25 per hour.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/16/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: New results of a 9-year study led by Mayo Clinic indicate when unruptured aneurisms should be operated on and when it's better to simply monitor them closely. Mayo Neurologist David Wiebers explains that patient age, size and location of the aneurism and a history of bleeding from separate aneurism are all very important factors.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/18/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:00
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Some Albert Lea kids proudly display certificates earned after a 2-week swimming course. Experts say these lessons play a huge role in keeping children safe during the summer. However parents need to just as responsible for their kids actions outside the water. Pool Manager Jocelynn Ellertson notes the frequent occurrence of injuries when kids slip and fall because they disobey the rules.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/23/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Today marks the 150th Anniversary of the MN Medical Association, a group that help the state become a world leader in medicine. Its members created the first group practice, now known as the world famous Mayo Clinic, invented the first pacemaker, performed the first open heart surgery and more.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/30/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:05
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Carla Johnson
Description: An accident at the Freeborn County Fair in Albert Lea resulted in injuries to at least 5 spectators this morning. An Elderhostel group was watching a demonstration in the Heritage Barn when a cream separator machine broke and flying pieces struck several people. All were treated and released.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 06/03/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Dr. Zigang Dong, Director of the Hormel Institute in Austin explained their cancer research discovery that was considered significant enough to be presented at the prestigious American Association for Cancer Research meeting in Washington DC. He says that research at the Hormel Institute id focused on trying to find the fundamental mechanism of why a normal cell become a cancer cell.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/02/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Dave Roberts
Description: Mayo Clinic Dr. Robert Kyle has been honored with an award for over 40 years of work in cancer research. Tonight the International Myeloma Foundation presented its first ever Lifetime Award. Dr. Kyle founded the Mayo Clinic's Myeloma Research Group and has devoted his career to studying and treating the disease which is a cancer of plasma cells in bone marrow.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/04/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Families attended the Annual "Premie Reunion" this weekend at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, part of the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Garth Asay says that it means the world for the hospital staff to see how well the children's they cared for in the premie unit are doing now. They treat about 300 babies each year in the neo-natal intensive care unit.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/12/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Healing through music is a leading area of pain control for cancer care at Mayo Clinic. Dorothy Bell talked about this therapy at a Mayo Clinic Continuing Education Conference. Therapeutic harpist, Tami Briggs says that music does help heal emotional pain brought on by illness.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/14/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 02:10
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Last week's car crash just outside the Mower County Fairgrounds in Austin happened while the Fair was in progress. It left the driver dead and many very concerned about what could have happened to pedestrians. The driver had a history of seizures which has led to discussion about legal rights to take someone's license away or place restrictions on use for medical reasons. The only legal way to proceed is if a doctor agrees that the person is a danger or after accidents happen.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/15/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Dr. Richard Schindler talked about the need for at least a basic plan to cover medical costs for the uninsured. He suggest that rather than national insurance, we may want to go to a 2-tier system in which those that can pay will be charged and those who cannot pay will still be covered.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/18/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:25
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: Hot, humid weather can cause problems ranging from discomfort to dangerous medical conditions. This report focused on recommendations on how to deal safely with extremely hot weather especially Austin's Municipal Pool has closed for the season. They include drinking a lot of water and using air-conditioning fans. Dir. Charles Bibbs, Austin Medical Center, described symptoms when a body is overheating and when to seek medical attention.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/25/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Josh Benson
Description: School will start soon and Rich Pike, Safety Director at Austin Transportation offered driving tips to help keep children safe. He explained that it's more difficult for young children to judge traffic situations because their peripheral vision is 1/3 narrower than adults.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/10/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Emergency workers in Freeborn County participated in practice drill today to help find trouble spots and increase confidence in skills relating to communication, transporting victims and other areas.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/12/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:32
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Dr. Thomas Kottke, Mayo Clinic Cardiologist, commented on reasons for the recent unexpected heart failure of actor John Ritter and noted a few rules that may very well deter preventable heart disease. The Mayo web site "Cardiovision 2020.org" offered detailed information on how to care for your heart.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/16/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The Freeborn County Engineer's office has asked the County to remove all rumble strips in Freeborn County because the County is responsible for their use, construction and maintenance. However in a 3 to 2 vote, the Board decided to keep them in place for safety reasons.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/17/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Dr. James Gloor, Mayo Clinic Nephrologist talked about a relatively new procedure that enables patients previously unable to get kidney transplants to get them. He also commented on how the procedure has dramatically reduced death rates.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/24/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Dr. Travis Schmitt, DDS talked about some of the challenges in getting dentists to set up practices in small, rural communities. Metro area organizations come to dental schools with very appealing packages and insurance companies reimburse less to dentists in rural areas. This is a growing problem because it affects service to patients so the State Dental Association and University of MN Dental School are actively trying to entice dentists to smaller areas.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/29/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Today a convoy of BMW drive into Rochester to raise money for breast cancer research. People could test drive several different models as part of BMW's 7th Annual Ultimate Drive program. For every model driven, the company is donating a dollar to the Women's Breast Cancer Foundation.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & CRIME

This category contains court proceedings and reports on crimes and prevention programs. It is important to dispel the myth that "it doesn't happen here" and at the same time to balance information to avoid undue fear and apprehension. Serious crimes perpetrated in the viewing area over the past years have made crime a higher profile issue. Drug busts and other crimes related to drug use have become much more common throughout the viewing area. Issues regarding jail space shortages and expansion projects are hot topics in several counties in the viewing area.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & CRIME

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/01/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:00
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: The new year means that new levels for traffic violation fines are now in effect. Curt Rude, Austin Police Dept. Captain, gave some examples; stop sign violations went from \$73.50 to \$120, the minimum fine amount for a speeding ticket is \$102. Citizens can also expect changes in the courthouse. Jury per diem fees are going down but hunting fees are going up.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/01/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Dave Roberts
Description: In an on-going court battle, HGA architectural firm is suing the Rochester Public School District for making what they call "false and defamatory" statements.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/02/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:20
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: The small city of Blooming Prairie attracts such big crowds for its 4th of July celebration that officers from 5 different counties are being called in to conduct what they call "Operation Nightcap". Paul Wayne, Blooming Prairie Chief of Police says it started because of the problems with alcohol that have happened and the behavior of some people.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/07/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:55
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: An old adage, "Justice delayed is justice denied" make take on deeper meaning in Mower Count as the result of state budget cuts. Patty Ball, Court Administrator says they are already struggling to keep up because of working 2 people short and more layoffs may be coming. Judge Fred Wellman explained that while the law states that "Criminals have a right to a jury trial in 60 days". However people that demand speedy trials push other people back and the further they get from an incident, justice may be denied for a variety of reasons.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/11/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Reporter Johnson visited the new Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Headquarters in St. Paul. Frank Dolesji, Director, explained that it will be a state-of-the-art forensic lab as well as having space for training facilities and state of the arts computer systems.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 07/13/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 02:00
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: Today emergency response groups including Southern MN Canine Search and Rescue, DNR officers, Olmsted County Sheriff's Dept and Dive Team members participated in a search, rescue and recover simulation exercise. They explain that this is a good way to find out how everyone works together rather than experiencing problems during an actual event.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/17/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:55
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Local law enforcement officials and insurance agents are reacting to heightened concerns about elderly drivers in the wake of the Santa Monica tragedy. Insurance agent Richard Fischer, says the percentage of elderly drivers in Mower County is far above the national average. At this time most companies agree that imposing a mandatory upper age limit on drivers would be discrimination so family and friends are left with the responsibility for taking away car keys.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/17/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:00
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: The Freeborn County Board will get an attorney to assist in a Federal lawsuit filed against the County. The MN Civil Liberties Union filed the suit on behalf of four residents who allege the Board has violated free speech through what they call Rule 19.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/21/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Nat Roers
Description: The Freeborn County Sheriff's Department want to reinstate a canine unit. Officer Andy Johnson explained that dogs are an extension to law enforcement capabilities because they can see and find things that people cannot. Total cost will be about \$10,000.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/23/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:00
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Members of the Mower County Jail Committee should get a good idea of the facility limitations during a tour tonight. They are expected to take 4 to 6 months to decide whether to recommend construction of a new jail on another site or to renovate the current space. However Sheriff Amazi explained that they will not be able to tour cell block areas because the privacy of inmates is protected by law.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/06/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Four Austin residents have been charged with a variety of offenses relate to intent to manufacture meth. A new law that went into effect August 1st gives law enforcement officers and courts more ability to arrest and prosecute offenders.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/06/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 02:15
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Shelley Krusko
Description: Another incident has been reported in the rash of five Austin gas station robberies. Shelly Krusko is on the scene at Budget Oil where the surveillance camera caught images of the robber. Based on witness reports and the video, police think that all the thefts have been carried out by one man, a white male in his late 20's or early 30's, about 5' 9", about 170 lbs. He wore dark glasses and a dark colored bandana to disguise his face.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/18/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Austin Police report that minor damage to the rear windows of a car driven by Lorraine Low was caused by a small caliber gun. She was driving on I-90 when another car pulled up beside her, fired the shot, then sped up and drove away.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 08/26/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:50
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: Austin Police are looking for an individual who used a pellet gun to shoot out windows at McDonalds on West Oakland Avenue about 8:30 AM Monday. Excalibur Landromat was also fired at but the pellet just left a hole in the window. Dave Scherer, McDonald's owner, said that luckily there were no customers sitting near the windows. Witnesses describe the shooter as a Hispanic male in his early 20's, riding a mountain bike.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/27/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Tom Shea, Chair of the Steele County Jails Taskforce, says their new jail has excellent security systems in place to keep the public safe. The new facility can house up to 60 inmates and all can be continually watched with video monitoring. And the only way visitors will only be able to see and talk to inmates is through the TV.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/30/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: Authorities have traced the murder of Tim Loeding from Rochester to a home in Spring Valley Township. So far one person has been taken into custody. Investigators believe that the man in custody is the shooter.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/02/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:50
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Another gas station robbery took place in Austin early Sunday morning. This is the second time that the West Oakland Apollo III store has been robbed. Responding officers started setting up a sweep of the area and the suspect was apprehended at Callahans's Sales and Service on County Road 28. Mace and a taser weapon were used to subdue the 33 year-old white male who matches the description of the suspect in the other gas station robberies. An Apollo employee is credited for assisting with the apprehension.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/03/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:50
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Bryan Hecimovich, a 33-year old Austin native faces a maximum 20-year prison Sentence if convicted of the 1st degree aggravated alleged hold-up of Austin Apollo 3 Store last weekend. A key witness believes that Hecimovich also committed 6 other armed robberies.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/09/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:49
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: A sting operation in which minors tried to buy cigarettes at local retail outlets shows there is much work to be done on compliance. Austin Police Chief Paul Philipp and Kristine Hernandez from the American Cancer Society commented on results of the recent operation. They say the situation may get worse in light of government cuts in programs aimed at curbing tobacco use.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/10/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The Albert Lea HS Liason Officer uses special goggles that simulate the feeling of driving while intoxicated at as learning tool with students. The students wear them while driving golf carts through an obstacle course in the school parking lot. The goal is to drive home the message that drinking and driving is a deadly combination. Student feedback makes it clear they are getting the message.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/19/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:10
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Recently, with the Mayor's authorization, Austin Fire Chief Dan Wilson used the ladder truck to help with painting at Wescott Field. Fire Dept Shift Commander, Jim Mattice, confronted Wilson about what he felt was improper use of equipment and says the dispute led to an assault by Wilson. The Fire Chief has a different account of the incident so the City Attorney is deciding whether Mattice's complaint becomes a charge of 5th degree assault.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/23/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:55
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Currently 48 prisoners are housed in the Mower County Jail designed for 45 and another 16 inmates are housed in jails throughout the area at considerable expense. The Jail Committee has visited three other facilities as they work on a recommendation for Mower County. Bob Roche, Mower County Jail Administrator and Sheriff Therese Amazi agree that a new facility would be the best way to resolve current issues and allow room for expansion.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/24/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:15
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Lou Arens
Description: According Rochester police, 3 John Marshall H.S. students were in a school parking lot when a 16-year old male allegedly pointed a gun at them. When they ran toward the school, he chased them, which alerted a parking lot monitor. The school Liason Officer found the suspect in his car with a pellet gun and JMHS was locked down while officials made sure the students were safe. The Principal and Superintendent felt the situation was well handled.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/24/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:15
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: This report show viewers, 18 and older, how easy it is to buy a pellet gun and how closely they resemble real guns. Austin High School Liason Officer explains that because they look so real, pellet guns could trigger a dangerous situation. For example, a police officer could react with deadly force because there would be no way to tell this was not a real gun. He also noted that they pellets can cause injury.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/24/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:15
Issue Addressed: Law Enforcement/Crime **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: The MN Supreme Court has authorized the state's DNR officers to search boats without the owner's consent. Conservation officials say they need the authority to protect natural resources. For example, they can now inspect livewells to make sure the size and species requirements for game fish are protected.

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Political issues and their impact locally, nationally and world wide are of concern to 6 News viewers. Issues of city and county government often lead the news. Of course, the new administration of Governor Tim Pawlenty in MN and struggles over the huge state deficit were among the top news stories this quarter. The reduction in Local Government Aid as a result of efforts to balance the state budget in being felt throughout the viewing area. Iowa is also struggling with deficit problems.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/08/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:10
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Mower County Commissioners split 3 to 2 today on a vote regarding the potential sale of property adjacent to Hormel Foods Corporate South complex and the SPAM Museum. The majority felt the amount of the Hormel offer was not enough to cover finding and converting or building a new facility to relocate the 77 Health & Human Services employees.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/15/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 00:50
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Iowa Senator Tom Harkin is working on bi-partisan support to make sure that consumers know what country their meats come from with the Country of Origin bill. Currently Federal Law mandates country of origin labeling on many other items, including produce and clothing items.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/15/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 02:10
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: MN Senator Norm Coleman has added his support to President Bush's plan to expand the Peace Corps program. Former Peace Corps volunteers from this area are enthusiastic. George Dahlstrom of Rochester who spent 2 years in Africa teaching English says expanding the program will only mean good things for people back home. The goal is to double the number of Peace Corps volunteers over the next five years.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/17/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Governor Pawlenty believes the efficient and effective farming practices are not inconsistent with being good stewards of the land and improving water quality. His administration is working with local ag interest group, farmers and Federal farm officials on a package called CREP, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. MN gets 100,000 acres in the next round of CREP programming.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/18/03 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 01:45
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Rochester city leaders gather each month to talk about ways to get more people to come downtown and how to give it a more metropolitan feel. They also welcome ideas from residents. Some of the ideas include adding an indoor greenhouse, moving the Farmer's Market back to downtown, opening more places to appeal to young people like dance clubs and more.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 07/24/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 02:36
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Mayor Edward Fontes of Cresco Iowa is facing tough questions about his military career. Chad Stone, representing Howard County Veterans Affairs says that records do not match the claims of rank and service that the Mayor made during his campaign. So far Fontes has been dodging questions from council members, residents and the media.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 08/08/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Today Senator Norm Coleman cut the ribbon to introduce the McNeilus Turbine as a great example of economic development in rural MN. He says with wind energy, we're generating the money here and spending the money here and that's good for MN. In September Coleman plans to introduce legislation he calls the Rural Renaissance Act to address way to encourage greater economic growth.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 08/19/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:25
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Today 1st District Congressman Gil Gutknecht visited 3 farms in SE MN along with Federal and State Agriculture officials. Gutknecht says we need more livestock production and must work together on both preserving the environment and enabling the economy to grow.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/20/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Sarah Colbert
Description: Albert Lea city officials are studying solutions to overcrowding at the library. During the 35 years it has shared space at City Hall, circulation has increased by 4 times with no room to expand. The library wants to find or build a facility three times its current size.

Title: 6 News Weekend **Date:** 08/27/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:30
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Kyle Bosch
Description: President Bush made a stop in St. Paul today to speak to supporters about his re-election campaign. The casual menu of corn dogs and cheese curds was served as the political fund raiser.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/11/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 01:50
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Dodge County Commissioner Dave Erickson and his wife called police Sunday morning because their front yard had been vandalized and a dead rat was hung on the doorknob with a note that read "Resign or Die". Erickson and the Sheriff believe the threat is related to a controversial hog feedlot proposal. At this time they have no clues about the perpetrator.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/16/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:35
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: Mower County Coordinator Craig Oscarson stated that the County Commissioners are hoping that can make budget cuts without having to layoff employees. One hope is that not replacing staff members who retire will help resolve budget problems. They may also cut some services before resorting to higher taxes.

Title: 6 News Good Morning **Date:** 09/18/03 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 00:45
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Natalie Sentz
Description: Hundreds of women met at the Rochester Country Club for the Women's Campaign Fund Lunch. The annual bi-partisan event gathers people from different political parties to talk about ways of getting more women in political offices. The luncheon was hosted by the MN Women's Campaign Fund.

Title: 6 News **Date:** 09/29/03 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 01:40
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Mark Johnson
Description: State Rep. Dan Dorman offered his views on a Federal Judge's decision relating to the implementation of the Do Not Call List.